1	2	3
9.	Purchase of Mountain bicycles	1.50
10.	Floodlighting of Trivandrum museum	14.81
11.	Beach Resort at Paravoor	26.13
12.	Beach Resort at Cherthala	24.69
13.	Tourist Resort at Changanacherry	14.45
14.	Tourist Lodge at Kallar	14.90
15.	Tourist Lodge at Kuravilangad	14.23
16.	Golf Course, Trivandrum	36.00
17.	Wayside cafetaria Adoor	11.19
18.	Yatri Niwas at Alleppey	38.93
19.	Tourist Lodge at Aranmula	22.40
20.	Yatri Niwas at Calicut	41.14
21.	Yatri Niwas at Malayattoor	34.26
22.	Yatri Niwas at Peermade	34.98
23.	Purchase of Fibre glass tents, Periyar Lake	49.00
24.	Purchase of boats for Kovalam and Quilon etc.	17.65
25.	Yatri Niwas at Kondati (Mallapuram)	35.00
26.	Yatri Niwas at Kumily	35.00
27.	Wayside amenities at Nilambur (Mallepuram Distt.)	20.82
28.	Wayside amenities at Kumaragam	20.82
29.	Purahcase of 2 nos. caravan for Cochin and Thiruvananthanagar.	42.90
30.	Purchase of 1 caravan for Kozhikode	21.00
31.	Assistance for Indira Gandhi Boat Race, 1995	15.00
32.	Assistance for Production of publicity material	3.00
33.	Restoration of Bolghatti Palace Kochi, Kerala.	49.60
34.	Resort at Munnar under equity scheme	7.00
35.	Renovation and Remodelling of Aluva Palace	48.00
36.	Waterside amenity at Kayamkulam	35.79
37.	Floodlighting of Vadakkum Nathan Temple	17.20
38.	Rice Boats	10.00
39.	Nehru Trophy boat race	5.00
40.	Wayside amenities at Angamali	18.90

Promotion of Languages

1941. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

the steps taken for the promotion and development of Nepali, Konkani and Manipuri languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): Government have set up the Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysore, to promote and develop Indian languages including Nepali, Konkani and Manipuri. The CIIL has undertaken the following activities for the development of these languages :

Nepali : Pictorial glossary in Nepali published. Nepali-Bengali-Hindi dictionary and Nursery Rhymes under preparation. The script for propagation of Pronounciation Cassettes in Nepali prepared.

Konkani : Pictorial Glossary and Nursery Rhymes in Konkani published. Two training programmes for the Konkani teachers and one workshop-cum-training programme for the preparation of instructional materials for Konkani conducted, besides a workshop for the administrators in the use of Konkani in administration.

Manipuri : Manipuri Phonetic Reader and Nursery Rhymes published. Pictorial Glossary under preparation.

The Government is also implementing a scheme for providing financial assistance to individuals/NGOs for publication of books in Modern Indian languages including the above three languages. A scheme for the purchase of books published in Indian languages and their free distribution is also being implemented.

Accident Rate In IAF

1942. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Accident rate in IAF becoming cause for concern" appearing in the "Asian Age" dated June 30,1997;

(b) if so, whether the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary of Defence Research to analyse comparative aircraft accident data in India and abroad, has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the main findings of the report and action the Government have taken or propose to take on the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have taken necessary steps to contain these accidents, and as a result, accident rate has declined as compared to the earlier years. The Committee on Fighter Aircraft Accident constituted under the Chairmanship of Scientific Adviser to the Raksha Mantri,

Dr. Abdul Kalam to analyse the causes of these accidents and to bring out remedial measures to avoid their recurrence, is yet to submit its report.

Educationally Backward States

1943. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide hundred per cent grant to educatioally backward States;

(b) if so, whether J and K State is also included in this scheme; and

(c) if so, the target fixed for removal of illiteracy in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Grants are released by Central Government to all the States including educationally backward States under various Centrally Sponsored Scheme and Central Schemes on the basis of sharing pattern which varies from scheme to scheme. Programme like District Primary Education Programme, Non-formal Education, Total Literacy Campaigns in Elementary Education and Adult Education sectors have a focus on educationally backward States.

(c) The Government propose to achieve total literacy in the country by the year 2005.

[Translation]

Tourism Circuits in Madhya Pradesh

1944. SHRI BUDHSEN PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the tourism circuits identified for Madhya Pradesh by the Union Government;

(b) the funds allocated for the development of tourism circuits during 1997-98 and whether any more tourism circuit is proposed to be made;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for this purpose; and

(d) whether the proposal to extend the Indore-Onkareshwar-Maheswar-Mandu-Ujjain circuit upto Ratlam-Mandsaur is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) The following two travel circuits in Madhya Pradesh have been identifed for intensive development :

(1) Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho.

(2) Bhopal-Sanchi-Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Onkareshwar-Mandu.

(b) to (d) In consultation with the State Government, the following projects in the above circuits have been prioritised for central financial assistance of Rs. 153.00 lakhs during 1997-98 :

(i) SEL show at Orchha.

(ii) Water sports facilities at Khajuraho and Orchha.

(iii) Tourist reception centre at Sanchi.

(iv) Audio Guides for Sanchi/Mandu.

(v) Mandu and Orchha festivals.

The identification and development of new centres and circuits is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. There is no proposal at present under the consideration of Central Government to extend the existing circuits.

[English]

Irrigation System

1945. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank has approved 325 million dollar aid to the Union Agriculture Ministry for irrigation projects to boost Andhra Pradesh agriculture sector and revamp part of its irrigation system;

(b) if so, the projects for which this aid has been provided by the World Bank for development in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the total amount of aid provided to the State for this purpose;

(d) the projects which are likely to be undertaken in Andhra Pradesh from this loan; and

(e) the projects proposed to be undertaken in Nizamabad district of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) The World Bank has agreed to provide a assistance of US $ 325 Million for Third Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project for completion of spill-over activities of Andhra Pradesh II Irrigation Project comprising Srisailam Right Branch Canal, and Sriramasagar sub-projects, agricultural support services, resettlement and rehabilitation, environmental management programme and Dam Safety Assurance Works.

(e) Sriramasagar sub-Project Command covers part of the Nizamabad District.

Grant to Tripura University

1946. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister, during his last visit to Tripura assured a substantial amount of grant to Tripura University for its development;